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1. On the basis of the contract, between the Sovrompetrol Rumanian petroleum company and the Soviet Union, concluded in March 1946, an engineer of the Rumanian Oil Industry had to be sent to the Soviet Union to accept material the Soviet Union was prepared to supply to the Rumanian oil industry. The Soviets insisted on an increase in the Rumanian petroleum output and increased deliveries of petroleum to the Soviet Union at that time. The war damages to the refineries in the regions of Ploesti and Luzau had not been repaired because of the lack of material; in addition, a dangerous drop of new drilling operations was feared as the available drilling material was insufficient and worn out.

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3. the Soviets already had a copy of the list. In the storehouse of Tekmala sufficient quantities of each of the articles to be taken over were available. At that time

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16 complete oil-fired Cornwall steam boilers. 3,000 to 4,000 cast-iron valves. Ten had a diameter of 50 to 60 cm each, weighing 800 to 1,000 kg. The remainder were smaller valves, diameters ranging between 10 and 25 cm. 30 small Worthington piston pumps for probe drilling operations; capacity of from 1,000 to 10,000 kg per minute. About 20 large Worthington and Gould-Triplex pumps of 50 atmospheres for pumping stations. One railroad carload of elbow pipes, diameter from 10 to 25 cm. Straight tubes had not been ordered as Rumania still had large stocks supplied by Germany. In 1945 the stock of 25-cm pipes was sufficient for 100 km and that of the 10 and 12.5-cm pipes for about 500 km.

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15 to 20 complete installations of natural gas regulators of the type required for the natural gas lines in the oil fields

about 50 complete drilling sets, rotary system, with different screw drills for different kinds of rock.

about 50 cranes, lifting power of from 2 to 5 tons.

about 20 cranes, lifting power up to 15 tons.

about 10 cranes with lifting powers ranging from 20 to 25 tons.

5 railroad cars with cables for drilling 15 to 17.5cm thick.

1 carload of chains, Russian made, resisting force (breaking strength) 2,000 to 3,000 kg, also for boring purposes.

3 carloads of manila rope, 20 to 30 cm thick.

25 carloads of sheet iron, Soviet make, for oil tanks, thickness 8 mm, 10 mm, 11 mm and 12 mm.

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In 1947 large quantities of sheet iron were again ordered for the same purpose. [redacted] this second order was for 150 wagon loads.

4. The accented material was new and, on the whole, of good quality. Certain apparatus and installations were obviously of foreign origin; however, the Soviets had exchanged the name plates of the makers for Soviet plates.
5. This material, according to the mentioned order, did not arrive in Romania until early 1947. It was transported by sea from Latum to Constanta. For taking over material for the reconstruction and extension work of the Romanian refineries, another Romanian engineer, a Bucharest chemical expert, was sent to the Soviet Union in the summer of 1946.

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Comment:

a. The Soviet Union is in great need of the Romanian petroleum as her own production of petroleum does not keep pace with the rapidly increasing requirements. For this reason the Soviet Union has even ceded material from her own stocks to Romania for petroleum production, detailed information on which is furnished in this report.

b. It is inferred from another report that the result of these measures was that the drilling capacity in Romania could be increased in 1948 and 1949.

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